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VENTURA SUPERIOR COURT CELEBRATES COURT ADOPTION AND PERMANENCY MONTH

The Ventura Superior Court will join courts from throughout California in celebrating "Court Adoption and Permanency Month."

California Supreme Court Justice, Ronald M. George, on behalf of the Judicial Council of California, has proclaimed November as a month dedicated to further improving administration of justice for proceedings involving children and families.

Each year in California, there are more than 580,000 reports of child abuse and neglect, approximately 32,000 children enter foster care, and almost 124,000 children have active child welfare cases. Almost 98,000 children in California are living apart from their families in out-of-home care. Fifteen percent of the children in foster care in California remain away from their families in out-of-home care after four years, and of the more than 35,900 children exiting foster care between July 2002 and June 2003, 52 percent were reunited with their families and 20 percent were adopted.

To promote Court Adoption and Permanency Month, the Ventura Superior Court will place a stronger emphasis on permanency planning and adoptions throughout the month of November.

During its calendar on November 12, 2004, the court will present special certificates to those families whose adoptions are before the court on that day. This calendar will be open to the public.

On November 6, 2004, an Adoption and Permanency Information Fair will be held at the Pacific View Mall in Ventura from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Members of the community are invited to attend and speak with representatives from organizations that provide services and support to foster and adoptive parents.

Individuals interested in obtaining more information on adoptions should call the Human Services Agency at (805) 654-3200 and ask for the Adoptions Officer of the Day.